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EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE FOR MINERAL RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has notified exclusive economic zone for the development and regulation of mineral resources in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to invite private investment in the mineral sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the responses from the private sector received during 2007-08 till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Two proposals have been received for setting up of sector specific Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for Mineral Products. In principle approval has been granted in respect of one SEZ and in respect of another, it is pending approval.

(b) The two proposals for sector specific SEZs are

(i) the proposal of M/s Saraf Agencies Pvt. Limited for setting up of Special Economic Zone for Beach Sand Mineral sector at Chhatrapur, Dist-Ganjam, Orissa and

(ii) the proposal of M/s Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kendra Vikas (Jabalpur) Limited for setting up of SEZ for Mineral and Mineral based products at Village Hargarh, Tehsil Sihora, District Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.

(c) to(e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.